

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 3rd 2002

IRTS AGM & Mayo Rally

The Mayo Rally will be held on Sunday March the 3rd 2002 in the Belmont Hotel, Knock. The IRTS AGM will be in the afternoon at the same venue, and the dinner dance will be on the Saturday evening. Details from Padraic EI9JA. E-mail rally@mayoren.net, or from the club web site at www.mayoren.net

Awards

With the IRTS AGM only a few weeks away, all holders of trophies should return them as soon as possible to Peter Grant EI4HX. If you cannot arrange the return, please contact any committee member.

Nominations are also requested for the Arup Cup, Collins Cup and the Pat Conway Cup. These are presented for service to the hobby or to the society. These should be sent to the Awards Committee, care of Peter Grant EI4HX. See the IRTS web site for contact details.

The Ian Morris Trophy is awarded to the Short-wave Listeners with the most DXCC entities heard during the past year. There are two trophies for home construction and equipment being entered should be brought to Knock on the day of the AGM.

Six Metre Shield

All Radio Amateurs who worked 6 meter DX during the year, and who wish to submit an entry for the annual I.R.T.S Six Metre Shield, should submit their entries now.

The scoring is as follows: Number of unique QSO's X Maidenhead squares X DXCC countries = points scored. Rules are printed in the yearbook. The winner will be announced in March at the I.R.T.S. AGM in Knock. Last years winner was Charlie (EI5FK). All entries should be forwarded to the I.R.T.S Contest Manager, John McDonnell (EI6IR) at ei6ir@eircom.net or at QTHR.

North Kildare Radio Club

We regret to announce that the North Kildare Radio Club (EI2NKR) has ceased to operate. The licence has been returned to the ODTR and the clubs IRTS membership has ceased. The club has had to close as a result of lack of attendance, mainly due to the fact that most members have moved away from the area.

East Cork Radio Group (EI7M)

The Annual general Meeting of the East Cork Group was held on Thursday January the 3rd at the club premises at Poer Head. The outgoing Chairman/Secretary Cormac EI4HQ reported on another successful year for the group, the highlight probably being the visit of some members of the Bristol Contest Group for the CQWW SSB contest where the long standing EI9CB multi-singe EI record score was finally surpassed.

The following Officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman; Jim EI8GS, Secretary; Jerry EI6BT, Treasurer; John EI8IR, QSL Manager; Denis EI6HB and Webmaster; Cormac EI4HQ. The group decided that subject to sufficient interest, a 2 metre transatlantic beacon would be set up during the summer. Anyone interested should contact EI4BZ.

Cork Repeater Group Cork Repeater Group will be holding its AGM on Tuesday evening the 19th of February at 8pm. The venue is Wilton Park House, Cork. Subscriptions are 20 Euro and can be paid to John Mooney EI6AK.

South Dublin Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club takes place on Tuesday the 12th of February at 8.00 p.m. in the club QTH at Marian Road, Rathfarnham. This is an important meeting, and all members are requested to attend.

A final reminder for HF operators that the South Dublin Radio Club Spring Challenge runs for the full month of February. The challenge provides a great opportunity to renew your acquaintance with the HF bands. Full details of the Challenge were published in the November/December 2001 issue of Echo Ireland.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next general meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Group takes place in The Raheen House Hotel, Clonmel on Thursday the 7th of February at 8 p.m. The usual good attendance of members is requested as we hope to discuss and plan the Groups'

activities for the coming year. Visitors are of course always welcome to attend.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net or cyberis@e-merge.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026.

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